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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the economic and budgetary consequences of climate change, focusing on the cost of inaction, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine revisiting the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act, focusing on progress and challenges in Gulf restoration post-*Deepwater Horizon*, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for improving truck safety on our highways, 3 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine breaking the logjam at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), focusing on ways to more efficiently process permits for energy production on Federal lands, and understanding the obstacles in permitting more energy projects on Federal lands, including S. 279, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and S. 2440, to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the threats posed by climate change, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine tobacco, focusing on taxes owed, avoided, and evaded, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Korea free trade agreement, focusing on lessons learned two years later, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Iran, focusing on the status of the P–5+1 negotiations with Iran, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. Res. 502, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents, S. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014, S. Res. 513, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 520, condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and express-

ing condolences to the families of the victims, and the nominations of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit, hearing on coordinating future investments in broadband, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Security Situation in Iraq and Syria: U.S. Policy Options and Implications for the Region”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 644, condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration’s failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and expressing national security concerns over the release of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “FERC Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA’s Proposed Clean Power Plan and other Grid Reliability Challenges”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Nanotechnology: Understanding How Small Solutions Drive Big Innovation”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3522, the “Employee Health Care Protection Act”; H.R. 4701, the “Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases Act of 2014”; H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care; H.R. 3670, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2013”; H.R. 5161, the “E-LABEL Act”; and H.R. 1575, the “Kelsey Smith Act”, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 5018, the “Federal Reserve Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014”; H.R. 4329, the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 3240, the “Regulation D Study Act”; H.R. 3913, to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to require agencies to make considerations relating to the promotion of efficiency, competition, and capital formation before issuing or modifying certain regulations; H.R. 4042, the “Community Bank Mortgage Service Asset Capital Requirements Study Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5148, the “Access to Affordable Mortgages Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint subcommittee, hearing entitled “The Shootdown of Malaysian Flight 17 and the Escalating Crisis in Ukraine”, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Iran Nuclear Negotiations: From Extension to Final Agreement?”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Examining TSA’s Management of the Screening Partnership Program”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Protecting the Homeland from Nuclear and Radiological Threats”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing on oversight of U.S. citizenship and immigration services, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 596, the “Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013”; H.R. 1363, the “Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act”; and H.R. 2004, the “Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 445, the “National Heritage Area Act of 2013”; H.R. 1785, the “Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area Act”; H.R. 4119, the “West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act”; H.R. 4901, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act of 2014”; H.R. 4979, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”; H.R. 5086, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; S. 311, the “Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act”; S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 609, the “San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3608, the “Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act”; H.R. 4534, the “Native American Children’s Safety Act”; H.R. 5020, the “Indian Tribal Self-Determination in Land Consolidation Act of 2014”; H.R. 5049, the “Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5050, the “May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining Allegations of Corruption at the Export-Import Bank”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Government’s Failure to Curb Wasteful State Medicaid Financing Schemes”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Federal Real Property: Eliminating Waste and Mismanagement of Real Property Assets”, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H. Res. 676, providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "Review of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on what workers need to know about Social Security as they plan for retirement, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on trade with Africa and the African Growth and Opportunity Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine increasing economic opportunity for African Americans, focusing on local initiatives that are making a difference, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 29 through August 1, 2014

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 12 noon, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

At 2:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Upon disposition of the nomination of Joan A. Polaschik, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 5021, Highway and Transportation Funding Act, with votes on or in relation to the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services*: July 30, to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: July 30, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine flood insurance claims process in communities after Sandy, focusing on lessons learned and potential improvements, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine financial products for students, focusing on issues and challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report on expectations of government support for bank holding companies, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget*: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the economic and budgetary consequences of climate change, focusing on the cost of inaction, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: July 29, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine revisiting the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act, focusing on progress and challenges in Gulf restoration post-*Deepwater Horizon*, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 29, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for improving truck safety on our highways, 3 p.m., SR-253.

July 30, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine domestic challenges and global competition in aviation manufacturing, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine wireless phone bills, focusing on a review of consumer protection practices and gaps, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: July 29, to hold hearings to examine breaking the logjam at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), focusing on ways to more efficiently process permits for energy production on Federal lands, and understanding the obstacles in permitting more energy projects on Federal lands, including S. 279, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and S. 2440, to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 30, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 1049 and H.R. 2166, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 1437, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon, S. 1554, to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, S. 1605, for the relief of Michael G. Faber, S. 1640, to facilitate planning,